

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) For use in a video display system capable of displaying a video program, a system for accessing a multimedia summary of said video program to display at least one portion of said video program, said system comprising:

a multimedia summary generator capable of displaying information from said multimedia summary on a display page that identifies at least one topic of said video program, at least one subtopic of said video program, at least one image associated with the at least one subtopic, and at least one entry point that corresponds to one or more of said at least one topic and said at least one subtopic of said video program,

wherein said multimedia summary generator is capable of displaying a portion of said video program that corresponds to ~~said at least one~~ a topic of said video program in response to a selection by a viewer of said entry point that corresponds to ~~said at least one~~ topic of said video program, and

wherein said multimedia summary generator is capable of displaying a portion of said video program that corresponds to a subtopic of said video program in response to a selection by the viewer of said entry point that corresponds to said subtopic of said video program.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Original) The system as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said multimedia summary generator is capable of displaying information from said multimedia summary on a display page that identifies a plurality of topics of said video program, and a plurality of subtopics of said video program, and an entry point for each of said plurality of topics and for each of said plurality of subtopics,

wherein said multimedia summary generator is capable of displaying a portion of said video program that corresponds to a topic of said video program in response to a selection by a viewer of an entry point that corresponds to said topic of said video program, and

wherein said multimedia summary generator is capable of displaying a portion of said video program that corresponds to a subtopic of said video program in response to a selection by a viewer of an entry point that corresponds to said subtopic of said video program.

4. (Currently Amended) For use in a video display system capable of displaying a video program, a system for accessing a multimedia summary of said video program to display at least one portion of said video program, said system comprising:

a speaker visualization display unit capable of displaying information from said multimedia summary on a speaker visualization page that identifies at least one category of audio-visual segment in said video program and a time when said at least one category of audio-visual segment is occurring during said video program, wherein the at least one category comprises at least one of a person who is speaking, a person whose face is displayed, and an element of a transcript of the video program,

wherein said speaker visualization display unit is capable of displaying said at least one portion of said video program in response to a selection by a viewer of said time when said at least one category of audio-visual segment is occurring during said video program.

5. (Cancelled).

6. (Original) The system as claimed in Claim 4 wherein said speaker visualization display unit comprises:

a controller capable of executing computer software instructions contained with a memory coupled to said controller capable of displaying said speaker visualization page, and capable of receiving a selection from a viewer identifying a time when said at least one category of audio-visual segment is occurring during said video program, and in response to receiving said viewer selection, capable of displaying said at least one portion of said video program showing said at least one category of audio-visual segment.

7. (Original) The system as claimed in Claim 4 wherein said speaker visualization display unit is capable of displaying information from said multimedia summary on a speaker visualization page that identifies each speaker in said video program, and a plurality of time segments that show when each speaker in said video program is speaking,

wherein said speaker visualization display unit is capable of receiving a selection by a viewer of a time segment, and, in response to receiving said viewer selection, capable of displaying a portion of said video program that shows the speaker who is speaking during the selected time segment.

8. (Original) The system as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said multimedia summary generator is capable of recording at least one topic selected by said viewer, and is capable of locating additional information that is related to said at least one topic, and is capable of notifying the viewer of said additional information.

9. (Currently Amended) A video display system capable of displaying a video program and capable of accessing a multimedia summary of said video program to display at least one portion of said video program, said video display system comprising:

a multimedia summary generator capable of displaying information from said multimedia summary on a display page that identifies at least one topic of said video program, at least one subtopic of said video program, at least one image associated with the at least one subtopic, and at least one entry point that corresponds to one or more of said at least one topic and said at least one subtopic of said video program,

wherein said multimedia summary generator is capable of displaying a portion of said video program that corresponds to ~~said at least one~~ a topic of said video program in response to a selection by a viewer of said entry point that corresponds to said ~~at least one~~ topic of said video program, and

wherein said multimedia summary generator is capable of displaying a portion of said video program that corresponds to a subtopic of said video program in response to a selection by the viewer of said entry point that corresponds to said subtopic of said video program.

10. (Cancelled).

11. (Original) The video display system as claimed in Claim 9 wherein said multimedia summary generator is capable of displaying information from said multimedia summary on a display page that identifies a plurality of topics of said video program, and a plurality of subtopics of said video program, and an entry point for each of said plurality of topics and for each of said plurality of subtopics,

wherein said multimedia summary generator is capable of displaying a portion of said video program that corresponds to a topic of said video program in response to a selection by a viewer of an entry point that corresponds to said topic of said video program, and

wherein said multimedia summary generator is capable of displaying a portion of said video program that corresponds to a subtopic of said video program in response to a selection by a viewer of an entry point that corresponds to said subtopic of said video program.

12. (Currently Amended) A video display system capable of displaying a video program and capable of accessing a multimedia summary of said video program to display at least one portion of said video program, said video display system comprising:

a speaker visualization display unit capable of displaying information from said multimedia summary on a speaker visualization page that identifies at least one category of audio-visual segment in said video program and a time when said at least one category of audio-visual segment is occurring during said video program, wherein the at least one category comprises at least one of a person who is speaking, a person whose face is displayed, and an element of a transcript of the video program,

wherein said speaker visualization display unit is capable of displaying said at least one portion of said video program in response to a selection by a viewer of said time when said at least one category of audio-visual segment is occurring during said video program.

13. (Cancelled).

14. (Original) The video display system as claimed in Claim 12 wherein said speaker visualization display unit comprises:

a controller capable of executing computer software instructions contained with a memory coupled to said controller capable of displaying said speaker visualization page, and capable of receiving a selection from a viewer identifying a time when said at least one category of audio-visual segment is occurring during said video program, and in response to receiving said viewer selection, capable of displaying said at least one portion of said video program showing said at least one category of audio-visual segment.

15. (Original) The video display system as claimed in Claim 12 wherein said speaker visualization display unit is capable of displaying information from said multimedia summary on a speaker visualization page that identifies each speaker in said video program, and a plurality of time segments that show when each speaker in said video program is speaking,

wherein said speaker visualization display unit is capable of receiving a selection by a viewer of a time segment, and, in response to receiving said viewer selection, capable of displaying a portion of said video program that shows the speaker who is speaking during the selected time segment.

16. (Original) The video display system as claimed in Claim 9 wherein said multimedia summary generator is capable of recording at least one topic selected by said viewer, and is capable of locating additional information that is related to said at least one topic, and is capable of notifying the viewer of said additional information.

17. (Currently Amended) For use in a video display system capable of displaying a video program, a method for accessing a multimedia summary of said video program to display at least one portion of said video program, said method comprising the steps of:

displaying information from said multimedia summary on a display page that identifies at least one topic of said video program, at least one subtopic of said video program, and at least one image associated with the at least one subtopic;

displaying on said display page at least one entry point that corresponds to said at least one topic of said video program;

displaying on said display page at least one entry point that corresponds to said at least one subtopic of said video program;

receiving a selection by a viewer of said entry point that corresponds to said at least one topic of said video program; and

displaying a portion of said video program that corresponds to said at least one topic of said video program;

receiving a selection by the viewer of said entry point that corresponds to said at least one subtopic of said video program; and

displaying a portion of said video program that corresponds to said at least one subtopic of said video program.

18. (Cancelled).

19. (Original) The method as claimed in Claim 17 further comprising the steps of:

displaying information from said multimedia summary on a display page that identifies a plurality of topics of said video program, and a plurality of subtopics of said video program, and an entry point for each of said plurality of topics and for each of said plurality of subtopics;

displaying a portion of said video program that corresponds to a topic of said video program in response to a selection by a viewer of an entry point that corresponds to said topic of said video program; and

displaying a portion of said video program that corresponds to a subtopic of said video program in response to a selection by a viewer of an entry point that corresponds to said subtopic of said video program.

20. (Currently Amended) For use in a video display system capable of displaying a video program, a method for accessing a multimedia summary of said video program to display at least one portion of said video program, said method comprising the steps of:

displaying information from said multimedia summary on a speaker visualization page that identifies at least one category of audio-visual segment in said video program and a time when said at least one category of audio-visual segment is occurring during said video program, wherein the at least one category comprises at least one of a person who is speaking, a person whose face is displayed, and an element of a transcript of the video program; and

receiving a selection by a viewer of said time when said at least one category of audio-visual segment is occurring during said video program; and

displaying a portion of said video program that shows said at least one category of audio-visual segment in said video program selected by said viewer.

21. (Cancelled).

22. (Original) The method as claimed in Claim 20 further comprising the steps of:

receiving in a controller instructions from computer software stored in a memory coupled to said controller;

executing said instructions in said controller to display said speaker visualization page;

executing said instructions in said controller to receive a selection from a viewer identifying a time when said at least one category of audio-visual segment is occurring during said video program; and

executing said instructions in said controller in response to receiving said viewer selection to display said at least one portion of said video program showing said at least one category of audio-visual segment.

23. (Original) The method as claimed in Claim 20 further comprising the steps of:

displaying information from said multimedia summary on a speaker visualization page that identifies each speaker in said video program, and a plurality of time segments that show when each speaker in said video program is speaking;

receiving a selection by a viewer of a time segment; and

in response to receiving said viewer selection, displaying a portion of said video program that shows the speaker who is speaking during the selected time segment.

24. (Original) The method as claimed in Claim 17 further comprising the steps of:

recording at least one topic selected by said viewer;

locating additional information that is related to said at least one topic; and

notifying the viewer of said additional information.

25. (Currently Amended) For use in a video display system capable of displaying a video program, computer-executable instructions stored on a computer-readable storage medium for accessing a multimedia summary of said video program to display at least one portion of said video program, the computer-executable instructions comprising the steps of:

displaying information from said multimedia summary on a display page that identifies at least one topic of said video program, at least one subtopic of said video program, and at least one image associated with the at least one subtopic;

displaying on said display page at least one entry point that corresponds to said at least one topic of said video program;

displaying on said display page at least one entry point that corresponds to said at least one subtopic of said video program;

receiving a selection by a viewer of said entry point that corresponds to said at least one topic of said video program; ~~and~~

displaying a portion of said video program that corresponds to said at least one topic of said video program;

receiving a selection by the viewer of said entry point that corresponds to said at least one subtopic of said video program; and

displaying a portion of said video program that corresponds to said at least one subtopic of said video program.

26. (Cancelled).

27. (Original) The computer-executable instructions stored on a computer-readable storage medium as claimed in Claim 25 further comprising the steps of:

displaying information from said multimedia summary on a display page that identifies a plurality of topics of said video program, and a plurality of subtopics of said video program, and an entry point for each of said plurality of topics and for each of said plurality of subtopics;

displaying a portion of said video program that corresponds to a topic of said video program in response to a selection by a viewer of an entry point that corresponds to said topic of said video program; and

displaying a portion of said video program that corresponds to a subtopic of said video program in response to a selection by a viewer of an entry point that corresponds to said subtopic of said video program.

28. (Currently Amended) For use in a video display system capable of displaying a video program, computer-executable instructions stored on a computer-readable storage medium for accessing a multimedia summary of said video program to display at least one portion of said video program, the computer-executable instructions comprising the steps of:

displaying information from said multimedia summary on a speaker visualization page that identifies at least one category of audio-visual segment in said video program and a time when said at least one category of audio-visual segment is occurring during said video program, wherein the at least one category comprises at least one of a person who is speaking, a person whose face is displayed, and an element of a transcript of the video program; and

receiving a selection by a viewer of said time when said at least one category of audio-visual segment is occurring during said video program; and

displaying a portion of said video program that shows said at least one category of audio-visual segment in said video program selected by said viewer.

29. (Cancelled).

30. (Original) The computer-executable instructions stored on a computer-readable storage medium as claimed in Claim 28 further comprising the steps of:

receiving in a controller instructions from computer software stored in a memory coupled to said controller;

executing said instructions in said controller to display said speaker visualization page;

executing said instructions in said controller to receive a selection from a viewer identifying a time when said at least one category of audio-visual segment is occurring during said video program; and

executing said instructions in said controller in response to receiving said viewer selection to display said at least one portion of said video program showing said at least one category of audio-visual segment.

31. (Original) The computer-executable instructions stored on a computer-readable storage medium as claimed in Claim 28 further comprising the steps of:

displaying information from said multimedia summary on a speaker visualization page that identifies each speaker in said video program, and a plurality of time segments that show when each speaker in said video program is speaking;

receiving a selection by a viewer of a time segment; and

in response to receiving said viewer selection, displaying a portion of said video program that shows the speaker who is speaking during the selected time segment.

32. (Original) The computer-executable instructions stored on a computer-readable storage medium as claimed in Claim 25 further comprising the steps of:

recording at least one topic selected by said viewer;
locating additional information that is related to said at least one topic; and
notifying the viewer of said additional information.

33. (Original) The method as claimed in Claim 20, said method further comprising the step of:

displaying information from said multimedia summary on a speaker visualization page that displays at least two types of information in a two dimensional format.

34. (Original) The method as claimed in Claim 20, said method further comprising the step of:

displaying information from said multimedia summary on a speaker visualization page that displays at least three types of information in a three dimensional format.

35. (Original) The method as claimed in Claim 20, said method further comprising the step of:

displaying information from said multimedia summary on at least two speaker visualization pages that display at least four types of information.

36. (New) The system of Claim 1, wherein the display page further comprises a display area in which the portions of the video program are displayed.

37. (New) The video display system of Claim 9, wherein the display page further comprises a display area in which the portions of the video program are displayed.

38. (New) The method of Claim 17, wherein displaying the portions of the video program comprises displaying the portions of the video program in a display area of the display page.

39. (New) The computer-executable instructions stored on a computer-readable storage medium of Claim 25, wherein displaying the portions of the video program comprises displaying the portions of the video program in a display area of the display page.